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**SAVE THE DATE: THE 47TH ANNUAL AMERICAN INDIAN FILM FESTIVAL
RETURNS WITH IN-PERSON SCREENINGS, RECEPTIONS, WORKSHOPS AND
AWARDS SHOW, NOV. 4-12, 2022**

SAN FRANCISCO – Since its inception in 1975, the mission of the American Indian Film Festival has steadfastly been the cultural exchange – via the power of film – of Native American and Canada’s First Nations cultures. While the content is by, for and about Indigenous storytellers, AIFF remains a film festival for all audiences – from filmmakers whose intent is to inform, educate, enlighten and entertain all viewers. With American Indian Film Institute director Mytia Zavala at the helm, and carrying on the work of her late father, founder Michael Smith, AIFF welcomes film fans back to the City by the Bay.

“We’re so excited to bring the American Indian Film Festival to film fans in San Francisco, with live events that showcases and celebrates the best of Native film,” Zavala says. “So far, we’ve received more than 110 films, public service announcements and music videos, while AIFF 47’s Call for Entries has closed. AIFF47 festival information will be available at aifisf.com beginning Oct. 1.”

AIFF 47’s Opening Night begins at 6 p.m. on Fri., Nov. 4 at the Letterman Digital Arts, 1 Letterman Drive, in the Presidio district. General Admission tickets are \$20, Seniors/Youth tickets are \$15, and can be purchased at www.aifisf.com beginning October 1, 2022.

From Nov. 5-10, AIFF 47 will offer free film screenings at the San Francisco Public Library’s Koret Auditorium, 100 Larkin St., San Francisco. Donations are welcomed.

On Fri. Nov. 11, AIFF 47 offers a filmmaker panel moderated by Producer and Executive Director of Fund for Sustainable Tomorrows, Steve Michelson, followed by an Indigenous Culinary Demo featuring the traditional and medicinal foods of Indian Country.

AIFF 47 will wrap with the American Indian Motion Picture Awards on Sat., Nov. 12, 6 pm, at SOMArts Cultural Center, 934 Brannan St., San Francisco. General Admission tickets are \$20, Seniors/Youth tickets are \$15, and can be purchased at www.aifisf.com beginning October 1, 2022.

The film program, screenings, and entertainers TBA, so stay tuned!

Supporters of the 47th annual American Indian Film Festival, to-date, include: San Francisco Grants for the Arts, San Francisco Arts Commission; LucasFilm X ILM (Industrial Light & Magic); the Consulate General of Canada to the United States in San Francisco; Koret; American Indian Child Resource Center and the American Indian Cultural District. AIFF 47 would not be possible without the assistance of these fine organizations, committed to supporting Indian and First Nations filmmakers.

“Our producers, directors, actors and performers have always been a force to reckon with, and sharing the timeless stories of North American Indian cultures is at the core of who we are,” Zavala notes. “We’re bringing film, food and fun to audiences in San Francisco, and we can’t wait to see everyone again at the American Indian Film Festival.”

For more information, Sponsorship and [Host-A-Filmmaker Opportunities](#), and a full AIFF 44 film schedule: <https://www.aifisf.com/>

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